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Mr. Don Rice
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RE: Site Management Activity Completed, Chester Tire Center, Chester, VT
(Site #87-0176)

Dear Mr. Rice:

The Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation, Sites Management Section (SMS) has reviewed the September 6, 1994 Groundwater Technology, Inc. report concerning the groundwater sampling results at the Chester Tire Service Center site in Chester. Based on the conditions at this site, the SMS has determined that this site has been successfully remediated and that the site is now eligible for a SMAC (Site Management Activity Completed) designation.

This means that the SMS has determined the following:

- the approximately 4,000 gallons of gasoline that was catastrophically released from an underground storage tank on the property has been successfully remediated by the remedial system which operated at this site from early 1988 until the summer of 1989.
- indoor air quality in all impacted residences and non-residential buildings have also been successfully remediated by the soil vent systems which operated until June of 1992. Benzene present in indoor air was reduced to concentrations below the Department of Health's accepted background benzene level for the Town of Chester of 3.4 parts per billion.
- groundwater contamination at this site has been successfully mitigated to levels below the groundwater enforcement standards.
- the residual contamination does not pose an unacceptable risk to human health or the environment.

Based on these findings, the SMS has determined that site management activities have been completed. The completion of these activities does not release Rice Oil Company of any past or future liability which may arise from the petroleum contamination which was discovered to have originated from the underground storage tank at the Chester Tire Center site. It does mean that the SMS is not requiring any additional work be performed at this site in response to this contamination which was discovered in 1987.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact either me or Matt Moran at (802)-241-3888.

Sincerely,



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